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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, March 26, 2021, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BEN RAY LUJÁN, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O Mighty God, our source of strength, we magnify Your Name. Guide our lawmakers during this challenging season. Inspire them to stay on Your path without wavering.

Lord, give them such confidence in You that, after You have tested them, they shall come forth like gold. Help them to understand that Your thoughts and ways are higher than theirs and to trust You to bring them to Your desired destination. Empower them to run without limping or stumbling because they are guided by Your wisdom.

We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, March 24, 2021.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BEN RAY LUJÁN, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. LUJÁN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 937

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 937) to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, in order to place the bill on the calendar

under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceeding.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection has been heard.

The bill will be placed on the calendar.

### GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, a week ago the Nation reeled in horror as a deranged gunman shot and killed eight people at three different locations across the Atlanta area. Six of them were Asian-American women.

Just 6 days later, another shooting. Ten people were shot and killed by a gunman who entered a grocery store in Boulder, CO. Some were customers, some were employees. One was as young as 20, and one was as old as 65.

One of the victims was merely walking through the parking lot after fixing the coffee machines at the nearby Starbucks, the son of Serbian refugees and the shining hope of his family.

One of the fallen was a local police officer, Eric Talley, an 11-year veteran of Boulder Police and a father of seven. You look at each of their faces—young, wise, older. You ache. Gone. You think of their families whom you don't know. They never will see them again, taken so cruelly and so quickly.

Today, flags around the Capitol will remain at half-staff in honor of the victims, and we all grieve with their families. We also grieve with the community of Boulder and the people of Colorado. And we grieve with the people of Georgia and all people across the United States whose lives have been

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